

Young Author's List of Transitions

Be sure you understand the meanings of these transitional words and phrases before you use them. Most of the time they require a comma after them.

After
After a few days
After awhile
After all
After that
After that step
Afterward
All in all
Also
Although
Although it is true
Another example
As a general rule
As a result
As I have said
As soon as
As we have seen
At first
At last
At that time
At the same time
At this point
Because
Because of this
Before
Besides
Beyond
By the same token
By the way
By this time
Consequently
Finally
First
First of all
For an instant
For example
For instance
For now
For one thing
For the time being
From now on
Furthermore
Gradually
However

I'll be the first to admit
If you look at it that way
In a little while
In addition
In any case
In any event
In closing
In conclusion
In fact
In other words
In particular
In the beginning
In the first place
In the same way
Incidentally
Last
Later
Later on
Let me explain.
Let's look at it a different way
Likewise
Looking back
Meanwhile
Moving right along
Naturally
Nevertheless
Next
Now
Obviously
Of course
On the other hand
Once again
Once that is done
Perhaps
Put another way
Second
Simply stated
Since
So then
Sometimes
Soon
Specifically
Suddenly
The first step

The following example
The next step
Then
There is no doubt that
Third
This takes us to
Though
To begin
To begin with
To illustrate my point
To illustrate this
To put it differently
To start off
To sum up my thoughts
Until
Usually
What happened next
When
When all is said and done
When you look at it
that way
Without warning
You see

ORDINALS

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When you write out directions
and list the steps to take,
Make sure you get your
ordinals right,
Don't make a big mistake.
For they are **first** and **second**,
third and **fourth**, you see.
Don't add an "-ly" to the end:
It is NOT *secondly*.
Thirdly makes me shudder,
Fourthly makes me scoff,
So write them **second**, **third**
and **fourth**,
And leave the "-ly" off.